

# **COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Full Council Meeting

April 23-24, 2009

Springhill Suites by Marriott, Boise Idaho

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

<b>Meet in Work Teams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Education/Participant Directed Services</li><li>- Community Living</li><li>- Self Advocacy/Self Determination</li></ul>	Council members met in work teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Education/Participant Directed Services</li><li>- Community Living</li><li>- Self Advocacy/Self Determination</li></ul>
<b>Meet in Committees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Governance</li><li>- Membership</li><li>- Public Policy</li></ul>	Council members broke into Governance, Membership, and Public Policy committees to meet.
<b>Call to order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome and Introductions</li>         <li>- Review of Agenda</li>  <li>- Recognition of Retiring Members</li></ul>	<u>Council Members Present:</u> Rick Betzer (Friday only), Joni Sullivan, Julie Fodor, Jim Baugh, Lisa Robbe, Shiloh Blackburn, Angie Flores, Dona Butler, Alonzo Statham, Jane Donnellan, Beth Cunningham, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Mike Smith, Jo Garrison, Kristyn Herbert, Mitch Scoggins, Bob Jackson, Leslie Clement <u>Council Members Absent:</u> Chris Lynch, Corinne Johnson, James Steed <u>Visitors:</u> Ike Gayfield, (representing Medicaid), Holly Player, representing Commission on Aging) <u>Staff Present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Amanda Holloway, Christine Pisani, Samantha Wallace There were introductions around the table. The agenda was reviewed. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Leslie Clement for her service on the Council.

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<p><b>Approval of January 22-23, 2008 Minutes &amp; March 24, 2009 Conference Call Minutes</b></p> <p>➔</p>	<p>The minutes from the January 22-23 meeting were reviewed. Page 5 of the January minutes was corrected to read Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Beth Cunningham moved to approve the January minutes as amended and the March minutes as presented; second by Mike Smith. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>Chair's Report</b> <i>Rick Betzer</i></p>	<p>Rick Betzer was unable to attend the meeting on Thursday. There was no report given.</p>
<p><b>Executive Director's Report</b> - <i>Marilyn Sword</i></p>	<p>Marilyn Sword distributed a fact sheet about the DD Council, including accomplishments, and asked members to look over it and give feedback. Marilyn urged Council members to play an active role in talking about what the Council is and what it does. She encouraged members to talk with others in their communities, especially legislators, about the critical role the Council plays. This is important during these economic times when all programs are being cut and some are being eliminated.</p>
<p><b>Financial Report</b> - <i>Amanda Holloway</i></p> <p>➔</p>	<p>Amanda Holloway gave the financial report. <b>Dona Butler moved to accept the financial report as presented; second by Angie Flores. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>Report on Legislative Session</b></p>	<p>Marilyn Sword gave a report on the Legislative Session, highlighting Council priorities and other bills and appropriations that the Council was monitoring. <b>NOTE: A final Legislative report will be posted on the Council website. A copy of this Power Point presentation is available upon request.</b></p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b> - <i>Consumer Leadership</i></p>	<p>Alonzo Statham gave the Consumer Leadership Committee (CLC) report. The CLC reviewed the interview questions for</p>

- *Governance*

aproposed ward of a DD guardianship or conservatorship.

Toni Belknap-Brinegar gave the Governance Committee report. At the direction of the committee, Marilyn revised the conference funding application and supporting documents. It will be on the website within the next month. There was one conference funding request from Ryan Sullivan, which was approved for \$500.

The committee also discussed recommendations from the Membership Committee for changes to Council Policy 103, dealing with recruitment for new members and the process for reviewing applications.. The committee made one change from the recommendations of the Membership Committee. Sub-section 5 will now read: *“Names and applications of all applicants shall be sent to the governor’s office with recommendations by the membership committee chair”*.



**Angie Flores moved to accept the changes to Policy 103 as recommended by the Membership Committee with this amendment; second by Shiloh Blackburn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Marilyn is going to ask the governor’s office if “Party Affiliation” can be optional on the Governor’s application.

- *Membership*

Alonzo Statham gave the Membership Committee report. The committee received applications and Alonzo and Ron conducted interviews of all new applicants and the references of those recommended by the committee. The applications will go to the Governor next week.

- *Public Policy*

In the absence of Committee Chair James Steed, Tracy Warren gave the Public Policy

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<p>- <i>Public Policy (cont'd)</i></p>	<p>Committee report. The committee reviewed the letter from CLC on proposed legislation and recommendations for a position statement on guardianship.</p>
<p><b>Member Reports</b></p>	<p>Alonzo Statham shared his “victim impact statement” that he prepared for the court as part of the action being taken against the two people who had stolen his wheelchair. It was recovered, although damaged, and the perpetrators are being prosecuted.</p> <p>Jo Garrison said that she had loaned the “Including Samuel” video to her school superintendent who watched it and will be sharing it with others.</p> <p>Toni Belknap-Brinegar shared that a “buddy program” has been implemented at her son’s school which will provide training. There was also a video made.</p> <p>Julie Fodor passed around a copy of the Executive Summary from the Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD). They will be moving to a more accessible building.</p> <p>Kristyn Herbert reported that she has been going to various schools to read her “Yes I Can!” book to educate kids about disabilities.</p> <p>Lisa Robbe was able to attend 2 Autism conferences: Defeat Autism Now (DAN) and the TASH conference. Those at the DAN conference believe that autism is treatable while many of the presenters at the TASH conference believe it is wrong to want to eradicate autism. She expressed that she believes we need to find a way to make sure we honor both perspectives.</p> <p>Tracy Warren reported that her son put together a proposal for the Tools for Life conference and his proposal was accepted. The presentation was on how to lead your</p>

<b>Member Reports (cont'd)</b>	<p>IEP team meeting. He went to Coeur d'Alene and did the presentation.</p> <p>Ron Enright gave information on the Capitol Classic Childrens Run that will be held on June 6, 2009; he distributed registration forms.</p> <p>Christine Pisani shared that recruiting for Region 1 and 2 Partners is now being done.</p>
<b>Call to order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>- Review of Agenda</li> </ul>	<p>Rick Betzer called the meeting to order at 8:40 am on Friday, April 24.</p> <p>The Council recognized Kelly Buckland for his service to Idaho as director of the State Independent Living Council.</p> <p>The Council recognized Rick Betzer for his 9 years of service to the Council as chair.</p> <p>Both men were presented with plaques.</p>
<b>Workplan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Progress Report for 2009</i></li> <li>- <i>Planning for 2010</i></li> </ul>	<p>Council staff reported on the 2009 workplan and discussed suggestions for activities by the workgroups to be included in the 2010 workplan.</p>
<b>Person-Centered Planning Grant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Tracy Warren</i></li> </ul>	<p>Tracy Warren gave a presentation on the Person-Centered Planning Grant. PCP Facilitators have been recruited and are participating in on-line training. They will all be in Boise next week for 3 days of intensive face-to-face training provided by Matt Wappett and Meg Gag of the CDHD. The comprehensive community-based website developed through the grant is up and running at <a href="http://www.Idahohelp.info">www.Idahohelp.info</a>.</p>
<b>Presentation on CMV Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Jessica Rachels</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Council funded Jessica Rachels of Ponderay to attend a conference on CMV in Atlanta in November. Jessica presented some of the information she learned at the conference as well as what steps she is taking to make others more aware of CMV. She distributed information to the Council that can be used by Council members to further educate the community about this virus.</p>

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<b>Election of Council Chair</b>	Three members were nominated for Council chair: Alonzo Statham, Toni Belknap-Brinegar (receiving 2 nominations), and James Steed. Alonzo spoke about why he would like to be appointed Chair. Rick Betzer read a letter from James Steed about why he would like to serve as Council chair. Toni Belknap-Brinegar reported her reasons for wanting to serve as Council chair. A majority of Council members selected Alonzo for recommendation to the Council for appointment as Chair. Alonzo's name will be forwarded to the Governor's office.
<b>Agenda items for next meeting: July 22-24, 2009</b>	Agenda items were recommended for the summer meeting: “My Voice My Choice” presentation
<b>Meeting Evaluation and Adjourn</b>	Meeting evaluations were distributed to the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.